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**Greetings from Congressman Mike M. Honda of the Occasion of
Swiss Silicon Valley Association's Alumni Anniversary Tour**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone back to Silicon Valley for the 15th Anniversary Alumni Tour sponsored by the Swiss Silicon Valley Association (SSVA). I also would like to take the opportunity to thank SSVA for their efforts in organizing these valuable and educational tours of Silicon Valley.

As previous tour participants, all of you have had a chance to visit the Valley at least once in the past 15 years. In that stretch of the time, Silicon Valley has experienced many waves—even generations—of technology trends and innovations, including web start-ups, biotechnology, information technology, nanotechnology and many others. As we face an ever-changing economy, the technology, expertise and innovation of our region and our workers will be an increasingly valuable asset and resource.

Over the next week, you will be visiting some of the companies that have contributed to the livelihood and success of Silicon Valley. There is much to learn and experience: trends to observe, models to study, and people to meet. This is an exciting opportunity for all of us to learn from each other and establish new partnerships for future endeavors.

I hope that all of you enjoy your stay in Silicon Valley, and I offer my best wishes for a successful and informative tour.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress